

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
JUNE 28, 2005**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 28, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William J. Schmitt who presided called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	present
Board member Victor J. Knies	present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, Building Commissioner David Seger, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three of the board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 14, 2005. A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

UEBELHOR & SONS – FIBER OPTIC CABLE

Tony Uebelhor, Uebelhor & Sons, and Terry Nicholson, ElectriCom, were present. Mr. Nicholson requested boring under Wernsing Road and Supreme Street in order to install a fiber optic cable connecting Uebelhor & Sons' business on Wernsing Road to the new Toyota Show Room on 12th Avenue. Mr. Nicholson showed a diagram and map giving details of the project. He said the average depth of the bore would be 8' and the minimum would be 6'. He said the depth of the tubs would be 4' to 5'. He stated that a permit would be obtained from Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for boring under US Highway 231S. Mr. Nicholson affirmed that he would locate all utilities in the right-of-way, but stated that he has to verify the width of the right-of-way.

During discussion, City Engineer Chad Hurm stated that he would check on the right-of-way and requested that the fiber optic cable line be registered with Indiana Underground. Building Commissioner David Seger reported that the Holiday Inn and Jasper Engines and Transmissions had been given the right to use the right-of-way for their parking lot about 15 to 20 years ago and advised Uebelhor's to have a survey done. For the record, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein informed Uebelhor of the

requirements of the “Memorandum of Indemnification” and said this would be required for using the City’s right-of-way.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to allow Uebelhor & Sons to connect their facilities by using fiber optic cable and to approve the plan, once it is all approved, to cross Wernsing Road and Supreme Street on condition all requirements set forth by the city attorney are met and a pre-construction meeting with city officials is held before actual construction starts. Motion passed 3-0.

AUTO SHOW AT RIVERWALK

Melissa Wagler, Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dubois County, requested use of the Riverwalk Plaza and shelter houses 1, 2 and 3 on Saturday, August 6, 2005 for the 5th Annual Auto Show that is held in conjunction with the Strassenfest. Ms. Wagler confirmed that plans would be the same as last year and said 170 cars exhibited in 2004. Police Chief Richard Gunselman commented that the group may have to set a limit on how many cars can participate in the future because the area was quite full last year. Mayor Schmitt commented that it was a great addition to the Strassenfest.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, to approve the request of Big Brothers Big Sisters to hold their annual Strassenfest Auto Show on Saturday, August 6, 2005 at the Riverwalk Plaza and to utilize shelter houses 1, 2 and 3. Motion passed 3-0.

BLOCK PARTY-MARIE COURT

Anthony Beamon and Rich Luebbehusen requested closing the cul-de-sac known as Marie Court on Sunday, July 3, 2005 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a neighborhood block party. Mr. Luebbehusen explained that Marie Court is located off Ackerman Road. Mayor Schmitt asked Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle to supply barricades for the event.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to allow the closing of Marie Court on Sunday, July 3, 2005 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a neighborhood block party. Motion passed 3-0.

NORTH BROOK PARK II – V-BACK CURBS

Al Mehringer, representing Kerstiens Corporation, requested permission to use v-back curbs in the North Brook Park II subdivision. Mr. Mehringer presented a map of the subdivision and surrounding area. He explained that only one lot in the subdivision was in the city limits. He stated that the developer has applied for annexation and recorded an annexation waiver, but the development does not meet contiguity requirements. He also said the County Commissioners have approved using v-back curbs. Thomas Schmidt asked Street Commissioner Eckerle his opinion about the v-back curbs, and the Street Commissioner responded that there was no problem as long as there were no down-spouts into the street. Whereupon Mr. Mehringer stated that a covenant had been added which states storm water discharge must drain onto the surface and may not discharge into the curbs.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to Kerstiens Corporation to install v-back curbs in the North Brook Park II subdivision. Motion passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY SWEEPING CONTRACT

Mayor Schmitt presented the Sweeping Contract between Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the City of Jasper for the period of July 1, 2005 until June 30, 2006. He explained that the contract is for sweeping 7 curb miles on US 231 and 1.06 miles on SR 164 and that the State would pay the City \$300 per curb mile per year, for a total of \$2,418.00. During discussion, Victor Knies asked about disposal of the dirt and debris. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle responded that the City is required to haul the material to a licensed landfill. He also said the agreement requires the roads be swept once a month, but the City sweeps them twice a month to be presentable. Victor Knies said that there needs to be more discussion about the payment rate because sweeping alone is a bargain. Street Commissioner Eckerle responded that the rate is set by the State. Mayor Schmitt commented that the bottom line is, if the City does not sign the contract, the City would have to sweep the roads anyway.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to the Sweeping Contract between Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of Jasper for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The motion also included doing research for future contracts on the increased expense of disposing of picked-up material. Motion passed 2-1 with Mayor Schmitt and Victor Knies voting aye while Thomas Schmidt voted nay. Schmidt said he voted nay because he does not like the way the State has treated the City regarding the repairs needed to US231.

ONE-TON TRUCK-STREET DEPT

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle presented a comparison sheet on the quotes for the one-ton truck that were opened at the June 14, 2005 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. Eckerle recommended accepting the low quote of \$23,371.00 from Uebelhor & Sons. He said this included a trade-in of the 1995 Chevrolet 3500.

On **motion** by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, the low quote of \$23,371 for a one-ton truck, with trade-in of 1995 Chevrolet 3500 with dump bed, snow plow and salt spreader, from Uebelhor & Sons was accepted. Motion passed 3-0.

SNOW PLOW AND SPREADER BOX

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle presented a comparison sheet on the quotes for the salt spreader and snow plow that were opened at the June 14, 2005 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. Eckerle recommended accepting the low quote of \$8,364.93, including freight, from Central Parts Warehouse. Eckerle confirmed that he had checked with Tri-State Utility Sales and Service concerning the amount of their quote. He said there had been a typographical error.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, the low quote of \$8,364.93 for a salt spreader and snow plow, including freight, was accepted from Central Parts Warehouse. Motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS

US Highway 231. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that he had contacted INDOT concerning the deteriorating condition of Highway 231 through the City of Jasper. He stated that INDOT had informed him that resurfacing was scheduled for the summer of 2006.

Patoka River. Street Commissioner Eckerle reported that a member of the Upper River Conservancy District had informed him that the City of Jasper was responsible for cleaning the logs out of the river from the 15th Street Bridge to the Ruxer Golf Course. He said the attorney for the Conservancy District had informed him that the City had opted out of membership with the Conservancy. Eckerle stated that he will continue researching this issue.

NON-LETHAL AMMUNITION

Police Chief Richard Gunselman presented two sets of quotes for some less lethal equipment. He explained that these materials have a shelf life of three years, therefore, the police department requests replacing one third of the stock every year. He said the out-of-date stock would be used for training exercises. Gunselman also stated that Pro-tech and Atlantic Tactical are the two representatives for Defense Technology, the manufacturer, and this is the only manufacturer who provides an instructor for the equipment. The quotes were as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Pro-tech</u>		<u>Atlantic Tactical</u>	
	Each	Total	Each	Total
10 sponge rounds	\$23.63	\$236.30	\$24.95	\$249.50
1 cleaning kit	\$47.25	\$ 47.25	No bid	
5 OC expulsion grenades	\$41.85	\$209.25	\$42.95	\$214.75
5 CS expulsion grenades	\$41.85	\$209.25	\$42.95	\$214.75
5 OC ferret rounds (powder)	\$24.12	\$120.60	\$24.50	\$122.50
5 OC ferret rounds (liquid)	\$24.12	\$120.60	\$24.50	\$122.50
5 CS ferret rounds (powder)	\$24.12	\$120.60	\$24.50	\$122.50
5 CS ferret (liquid)	\$24.12	\$120.60	\$24.50	\$122.50
2 pyrotechnic grenades	\$32.16	\$ 64.26	\$30.95	\$ 61.90
2 non-pyrotechnic grenades	\$40.91	\$ 81.82	\$42.95	\$ 85.90
5 bean bag rounds	\$23.63	\$118.15	\$24.95	\$124.75
10 breaching rounds	\$ 6.21	\$ 62.10	No bid	
1 standoff attachment	\$62.55	\$ 62.55	No bid	
	Sub Total	\$1573.33		\$
	Shipping	\$ 100.00		+ 15%
		\$1673.33		

Police Chief Gunselman recommended the low quote of \$1,673.33 from Pro-Tech.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to accept the low quote of \$1,673.33, including shipping, from Pro-Tech for less lethal supplies. Motion passed 3-0.

ALLEY – 9TH AND 10TH STREETS

Mayor Schmitt informed the board that the City Council had not followed the recommendation of the Board of Public Works and Safety concerning the alley that lies between Mill and Vine Streets and connects 9th and 10th Streets. He said the

Council will consider an ordinance for making the alley one-way north. Victor Knies stated that he respects the wishes of the Council.

STOP SIGNS FOR NEW 12TH AVENUE

Since a traffic study had been conducted, City Engineer Chad Hurm presented the following recommendations for the new constructed portion of 12th Avenue near the sports complex.

- Intersection at 12th Avenue and Kimball Blvd – change from two-way stop to three-way stop.
- Place a one-way stop sign at the south end of Old Huntingburg Road at intersection with new 12th Avenue. Place a Yield sign at intersection temporarily for safety reasons.
- Speed Limit on new 12th Avenue be 25 miles per hour.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to recommend to the City Council that the intersection at 12th Avenue and Kimball Boulevard change from two-way stop to three-way stop, install a one-way stop sign at the south end of Old Huntingburg Road at intersection of new 12th Avenue, and that the speed limit on new 12th avenue be 25 m.p.h. The motion also included placing a Yield sign temporarily at the south end of Old Huntingburg Road and new 12th Avenue intersection. Motion passed 3-0.

STOP SIGN - KEYSTONE COURT

City Engineer Chad Hurm recommended placing a stop sign at the north end of Keystone Court where it intersects with Valley View Drive in the Westview Estates subdivision. Hurm explained that an on-sight inspection of the intersection had been conducted.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to recommend to the City Council to place a stop sign at the north end of Keystone Court where it intersects with Valley View Drive. Motion passed 3-0.

DEMOLITION OF 716 E. 12TH STREET

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that he had sent out request for quotes for demolition of the property at 716 E. 12th Street.

HIRE FIREFIGHTERS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported that he has conducted interviews in regards to the hiring of three additional probationary firefighters. He requested increasing that number to four additional probationary firefighters instead of three because there are four excellent candidates and one present officer may be retiring this year.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to the fire department to hire four additional probationary firefighters instead of three, as previously requested. Motion passed 3-0.

Fire Chief Kenny Hoghgesang presented the following names to the board and asked the board to give these individuals a conditional offer of hire.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Employer</u>
1. Eric Rasche	4164 Baden Strasse	Stone & Stemle
2. Matthew Werner	4393 Pebble Dr.	Dubois REC
3. Jerry May, Jr.	308 E. 14 th St.	Flexcell 15 th St.
4. Chris Underwood	675 Overbrook	MASA

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to offer Jerry May, Jr., Eric Rasche, Chris Underwood and Matthew Werner a Conditional Offer of Employment for the position of Jasper Fire Department Probationary Firefighter effective Sunday, July 17, 2005, provided all Conditional Offers of Employment requirements are met. Motion passed 3-0.

New Truck. Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang reported that the new fire truck should be delivered by the end of July.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary